GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1221
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2003
SELECTION COMMITTEE IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up of a Selection Committee on the same lines as has been done in the case of Arunachal Pradesh and other States of North-East for making selection to Group `A` & `B` posts for A&N Islands and Lakshadweep in the Island Development Authority meeting held on 22.1.1996 and subsequent meetings of the Standing Committee of IDA;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in setting up of the same;

(c) the details of the guidelines/instructions of UPSC regarding special relaxation/dispensation in respect of local persons ofA&N and Lakshadweep Islands for recruitment of posts in Group A&B;

(d) whether the UPSC use to sit at Port Blair for conducting interviews for selection of local candidates against various posts of A&N administration for which vacancies were notified in consultation with UPSC; and

(e) if so, the date on which the Commission first sat at Port Blair for conducting interviews for making selection of local candidates to group `A` & `B` posts and the date from which this practice of holding the interviews at Port Blair by the Commission was discontinued?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) and (b): In pursuance of the decision taken in the Ninth Meeting of the Island Development Authority held on 22-1-96, the issue for setting up of a separate Selection Committee for Group `A`and `B` posts in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep was considered by the Government but it was not considered expedient to set up such a Selection Committee for Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. However, for the benefit of the Islanders, the Union Public Service Commission decided to hold meetings of Interview Boards for selection to Group ` A` and `B` posts at Port Blair.

(c): Keeping in view the remoteness of these areas, one week`s extra time beyond the normal closing date is granted for receipt of applications to all the candidates who despatch their applications from Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The first meeting of the Interview Board of the Union Public Service Commission was held at Port Blair on 21.02.1994. This practice has not been discontinued.